

Home-made Business Tech Simulation Ideas

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1. Flower and Party Plus: Flowers, gift baskets, balloons
2. Holiday Happenings: Ornaments, gifts, flowers, wrapping
3. Homefinders, Inc.: Apartments, houses, publications for college dormitories
4. Travel Around: Book air, hotel, car travel; research "things to do"; prepare itineraries
5. Read, Rock, and Roll: Books, videos/DVD, music/CDs
6. Parties and More: Party planning, rentals, decorations, cakes
7. Shirts and Stuff: Tees, polos, sweatshirts, etc., screen printing
8. Collectibles 4-U: Collectible sales (MI Hummel, Precious Moments, Coke, Beanie Babies, etc.)
9. Compu-Tech: Computer/peripheral sales, repair, virus detection



Business Technology Competencies

(pick and choose for your simulation needs)

Computer Skills

- * Database
- * Spreadsheets
- * Printing envelopes
- * Preparing business forms
- * Business cards
- * Word processing
- * Desktop publishing (brochures, ads, signs, etc.)
- * Video/audio editing (TV or radio commercials--could use Powerpoint as well for video)
- * Webpage (for the business)

Internet Skills

- * Online vendors (search)
- * Use online services (reservations, etc.)
- * Electronic mail
- * Electronic scheduling (to-do, address book, etc.)
- * Locating sounds (for commercials)
- * Locating photographs (for publications, video, etc.)

Soft Skills

- * Time management
- * Meeting deadlines
- * Teamwork/delegation
- * Setting goals
- * Organization skills
- * Positive attitude

General Office Skills

- * Typewriter (typing forms, invoices, gift cards, etc.)
- * 10-key (figuring markup, discounts, etc.)
- * Transcription
- * Voice recognition
- * Locating appropriate clipart (CDs)
- * Filing systems
- * Taking messages
- * Handling mail
- * Preparing checks

Forms Needed

(pick and choose for your simulation needs)

- * Paychecks (I give them a "checkbook" and they type them up)
- * Timecards (they "clock in" when they come into my room using the clock on my computer)
- * Company policies (decide on your policies, markup rate, shipping, discounts, tax, and general process)
- * Message pads (to take down messages; I don't let them print the e-mails)
- * Order form
- * Invoice (to bill customer)
- * Purchasing forms (to obtain merchandise to "sell" from vendors)
- * Cards (if applicable; if sending flowers and a gift card is needed, one is typed)
- * Payroll record
- * Other forms depending on the simulation: commercial request form, screen artwork design sheet, real estate specifications sheet, etc. (sometimes I have the students create these forms and sometimes I do)

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Assorted Online Vendor Websites
***Links tested and verified on 10/19/2002**

General

AMAZON.COM: Has books, apparel & accessories, electronics, toys & games, kitchen & housewares, baby, DVD/Video, and more (some in beta testing)
NOTE: For DVD/CD/Video, view product details for ASIN (ID #); for books, view product details for USBN; for other items, look for ASIN and/or SKU number
<http://www.amazon.com/>

Flowers/Gifts/Ornaments

1800Flowers: Has flowers, gift baskets, and other gifts
NOTE: Has product code for identification
<http://www.1800flowers.com/>

A Basketful: Gift baskets
NOTE: No numbers
<http://www.abasketful.com>

Alyssa Basket Designs
NOTE: No numbers
<http://alyssagiftbaskets.com>

Monica's Flowers & Gifts
NOTE: Have to "click to purchase" to get the item number
<http://mynationwideflorist.com>

Gift Tree: Flowers and Gift Baskets
NOTE: No item numbers
<http://www.gifttree.com/>

Etoys: Toys and Collectibles; Video Games
NOTE: Has item numbers
<http://www.etoys.com>

The Incredible Christmas Store: Specialty Ornaments
NOTE: Has SKU number
<http://www.incrediblechristmas.com/>

San Francisco Music Box Company: Music Boxes and Collectibles
NOTE: Has SKU number
<http://www.sfmusicbox.com>

Wolf's Baldwin Brass Center
NOTE: Numbers provided
<http://www.wolfebrass.com/baornament1.htm>

Christmas Treasures: Lots of Collections of Ornaments, etc. (Old World Christmas, Boyds Bears, etc.
NOTE: Has item numbers
<http://www.christmas-treasures.com/index.htm>

Fantasy Wood Lawn Ornaments
NOTE: Has item numbers
<http://www.fantasylawnornaments.com/Xmas1.htm>

Homeland Gifts
NOTE: Has item numbers
<http://www.homelandgift.com/index.html>

Video/Etc.

DVD Empire
NOTE: Has item numbers and UPC
<http://www.dvdempire.com/>

DVD Planet (includes VHS section also)
NOTE: Has UPC
<http://www.dvdplanet.com/main.asp>

CDNOW: Has CDs, Videos, DVDs
Note: No item numbers; has shopping cart
<http://www.cdnw.com/>

Travel

Travelocity: Flights, lodging, car rentals, vacation, cruises
<http://www.travelocity.com/>

Travel Web: Hotel search
<http://www.travelweb.com/>

Orbitz: Flights, hotels, cars, cruises
<http://www.orbitz.com>

Expedia.com: Flights, hotels, cars, vacation, cruises
<http://www.expedia.com>

TravelHero.com: Hotels, flights, cars, active tours, and cruises
<http://www.travelhero.com/>

Yahoo! Travel: Flights, hotels, car rentals, vacations, cruises
<http://travel.yahoo.com/>

Party Planning

Pinatas

NOTE: Has item numbers

<http://www.pinatas.com>

Costumes

NOTE: Has item numbers

<http://www.buycostumes.com/>

Birthday Express: Themes, favors, prizes, crafts, pinatas, cake decorating, balloons, toys, etc.

NOTE: Has item numbers

<http://www.birthdayexpress.com/bexpress/default.asp>

Stumps (Shindigz): Basics, holiday, seasonal, special events, themes, weddings, gifts and favors

NOTE: Has item numbers

<http://www.shindigz.com/>

1-800-Party Shop: Themes, gifts, costumes, holidays, party supplies

NOTE: Has item numbers

<http://www.1800partyconsultant.com/>

Party for Less: Birthday, wedding, baby shower, books and poems

NOTE: Has item numbers

<http://www.partyforless.com/>

Party Adventure: Nice online catalog for holidays, party themes, and more

NOTE: Has item numbers

<http://www.partyadventure.com/>

Party Works: Supplies, cake decorating, game ideas

NOTE: Has SKU number

<http://thepartyworks.com/shop/>

Showergames.com: Baby and Wedding shower games site

<http://www.showergames.com/games/index.html>

Prom Nite: Party supplies

NOTE: Has item number

<http://www.promnite.com/>

Party Perfection: Birthday, Children's, Bridal/Baby Showers

NOTE: Has item number

<http://www.partyperfection.com/index.html>

Wrapped Up Makes Parties: Glow, Headgear, Inflatables, Kits, Paper Goods, etc.

NOTE: Has item number

<http://wrappedup.makesparties.com/index.php3>

Party Game Central: 800+ Free Party Games

<http://www.partygamecentral.com/>

Party Game Ideas

<http://www.partygameideas.com/>

Party Games

<http://party-games.zaual.ru/party-games.html>

The Wedding Center

NOTE: No item numbers

<http://www.wedding-center.com/>

Party Depot Rentals: Tables/chairs, Linens, Serving, Warming, Food Service Equipment, Carnival, Wedding, Baby, Meeting Room, Dance Floor, Staging, Tents

NOTE: Has item numbers

<http://www.partydepot.net/index.html>

Rental World and A to Z Party Rentals: Party, Bleachers, Tents, Games, Inflatables, Rides, etc.

NOTE: No item numbers, but good site except not everything has a price listed

<http://www.rental-world.com/home.htm>

Cakes Online (pies, cakes, cookies)

<http://www.cakes-online.com/>

Real Estate/Apartments

Realtor.com

<http://www.realtor.com/>

Apartments.com

<http://www.apartments.com/>

Rent vs. Buy Mortgage Calculator (w/points and insurance)

<http://www.deorogroup.com/calculators/MortgageRentvsBuy.shtml>

Plaza Mortgage Payment Calculator

<http://www.plzmtg.com/Applet/MortgageCalculator.asp>

Monthly Mortgage Payment Estimator

NOTE: This one came closest to my actual house payment

<http://www.spectrummortgage.com/paymtcalc.html>

Mortgage Qualification Calculator (another good one)
<http://www.mortgage-calculator.bz/mortgage-qualification-calculator.php>

Wholesale Shirts

Wholesale T-Shirts
NOTE: Style # provided
<http://www.shirt-wholesaler.com/>

BuyEShirts.com: T-shirts, polo, turtleneck, jackets, totes, caps, boxers, etc.
NOTE: Has item #
<http://www.buyeshirts.com/>

Blank Shirts
NOTE: Has style #
<http://www.blankshirts.com/main.asp>

Collectibles

Fritzgifts: MI Hummel, Cherished Teddies, Boyds Bears, Precious Moments, Disney
NOTE: Has item numbers
<http://www.fritzgifts.com/>

Sowers Gifts: Hummel, Fine China, Pewter, etc.
NOTE: Has item numbers
<http://www.sowers-gifts.com/>

The Knot Hole Station: Dreamsicles, Cat's Meow, Snowbabies, Nascar, Studio, Willow Tree, and lots more
NOTE: Has item numbers
<http://www.knotholestation.com/core.phtml?cartID=>

Keepsake Expressions: African American Collectibles
NOTE: Has item numbers
<http://www.keepsakeexpressions.com/>

North Pole City: Has Boyds Bears, Precious Moments, Dept 56, Cherished Teddies, Ebony Vision, and lots more
NOTE: Has SKU numbers
http://www.northpolecity.com/online_store.htm

Old Timers Punkin Patch: Mary's Moo Moos, John Deere, Pocket Dragons, Coca-Cola, and lots more
NOTE: Has item numbers
<http://www.store.yahoo.com/punkinpatch/collectibles.html>

Collectible Gifts: Lots!
NOTE: Has part numbers
<http://www.collectiblesgifts.com/>

BeanieTown USA
NOTE: Has product codes
<http://www.beanietown-usa.com/>

Toys To Go: Hello Kitty, Yu-gi-oh, Beanie Babies, Gundam Toys
NOTE: Has item number
<http://www.toytogo.com/>

Beanie Stuff: Lots of Beans
NOTE: Has item number
<http://www.beaniestuff.com>

Computers/Peripherals

BCD 2000: Computers (custom) and peripherals
NOTE: No item numbers, but for custom computers, you can print a spec sheet
<http://www.bcd2000.com/>

Computers 4 Sure: Computers and peripherals
NOTE: Has item numbers
<http://www.computers4sure.com/>

Superior Electronics: Custom built computers (lots of options), peripherals
NOTE: Has item numbers
<http://www.superiorelectronics.com/buildsystem.htm>

My Own PC: Build your own online
NOTE: No item numbers
<http://www.myownpc.com/>

Global Computer Supply
NOTE: Has item numbers
<http://www.globalcomputer.com/>

